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Idaho Potato Stocks Up 16 Percent from Last Year

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on February 1 totaled 80.5 million cwt, 11.0 million cwt more than on hand February 1, 2012. Disappearance, at 62.7 million cwt is up 6 percent from last year's 59.3 million cwt. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon have used 40.8 million cwt of 2012 crop raw potatoes to February 1, a decrease of 3 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 35.7 million cwt of the total processed, down 1 percent from last year. The remaining 5.04 million cwt were produced in other states. Processing in Idaho and Malheur County during December and January totaled 13.5 million cwt, a decrease of 2 percent from the same period last year.

Nationally, The 13 major potato States held 214 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2013, up 14 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 52 percent of the 2012 fall storage States' production, up 3 percentage points from the previous year. Potato disappearance, at 199 million cwt, was 2 percent above February 1, 2012. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 18.9 million cwt, was up slightly from the same date in 2012. Processors in the 9 major States have used 107 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 2 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 20.8 million cwt of the total processing, virtually unchanged from last year.

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